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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Slot Machines written by Marshall Fey published 1983, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1997.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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